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1. GOP REMAINS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH CARE, GEOTHERMAL ENERGY, AND WATER POLLUTION PROJECTS OF CCMS, WHILE ONLY PASSIVE WITH REGARD TO OTHER AREAS, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF ROAD SAFETY, WHERE NEW INTEREST MAY HAVE GENERATED RECENTLY. PORTUGAL WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER FIELDS, COLLECTING DOCUMENTS AND KEEPING GOP AGENCIES ABREAST OF PROGRAMS. THIS MAY SPARK FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN OTHER CCMS PROJECTS.

2. SECGEN OF NATIONAL RESEARCH BOARD, WHICH IS CHARGED WITH COORDINATION OF ALL CCMS ACTIVITIES, ADVISES GOP WILL SUPPORT US INITIATIVES AS SET OUT REFTL.

3. GOP DELEGATION TO PLENARY WILL BE SMALL AND WILL NOT INCLUDE EXPERTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL OR TRANSPORTATION
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MATTERS. CHIEF WILL BE FRANCISCO CARVALHO GUERRA,

PROF. OF PHARMACY AT UNIV. OF OPORTO. CARVALHO GUERRA IS FAMILIAR WITH CCMS WORK AND HAS ATTENDED MANY CCMS MEETINGS IN PAST. IT POSSIBLE THAT AN EXPERT IN ENERGY MATTERS WILL ALSO ATTEND, BUT RESEARCH BOARD SEC GEN FEELS THIS IMPROBABLE. THERE IS A SLIGHT CHANCE RESEARCH BOARD'S DYNAMIC AND INFLUENTIAL PRESIDENT, JOAO SALGUEIRO, WILL ATTEND; DECISION LIKELY TO BE MADE AT LAST MINUTE. DELEGATION WILL BE BUTTRESSED BY MEMBERS OF PORTUGAL'S NATO MISSION; KEY MAN THERE IS JOAO BRANCO E MEIRA, SPECIAL SECRETARY FOR NATO CCMS AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE MATTERS. BRANCO E MEIRA IS INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH CCMS AFFAIRS, HAVING SERVED AS SEC GEN OF GOP'S RESEARCH BOARD UNTIL TWO WEEKS AGO. (FOR INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS BRANCO E MEIRA IS TECHNICALLY ASSIGNED TO PORTUGUESE EMBASSY TO BELGIUM.)

4. RE PARA 11 REFTTEL: GOP AGREES THAT IT USEFUL TO HOLD CCMS PLENARIES AWAY FROM BRUSSELS AND SHOULD SUPPORT INITIATIVES ALONG THOSE LINES. WE THINK PORTUGAL UNLIKELY TO SEEK HOST SUCH MEETING IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE, HOWEVER. POST

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